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MEMORANDUM FOR OSAN AIR BASE NEWCOMERS

FROM: 51 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Welcome to Team Osan

1. Congratulations on your assignment to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea (ROK) -- the Mustangs of the 51st Fighter Wing welcome you to the "Land of the Morning Calm" where we build our best Airmen, Airpower, and Alliances. You will find your tour challenging and rewarding. Osan, located just 48 miles south of the demilitarized Zone, is home to the 51st Fighter Wing, the Air Force's most forward deployed permanently-based fighter wing, Seventh Air Force, and a number of important tenant units. Team Osan's primary mission is to train hard in order to maintain and improve our combat readiness, with each of us playing a vital role in defending the ROK and maintaining stability in Northeast Asia.
2. For the majority of Airmen who come to Osan Air Base unaccompanied, I want to thank you for the sacrifices you and your family members are making to serve our country. Your tour at Osan will be doubly rewarding as you prepare to fight tonight as well as participate in the many educational and leisure activities offered on and off base. You will be amazed at the many cultural and travel opportunities available in and around Korea. I encourage you to set your tour goals now and then proudly describe your accomplishments to family and friends throughout your tour, as you achieve personal and professional milestones. For our accompanied Airmen, you will find Osan a vibrant community. Your spouse will enjoy learning about Korea and Osan Air Base through our spouse orientation and other programs. If you have children, you will be pleased with our schools, ranked among the best in PACAF. Additionally, our excellent youth programs and numerous base services offer many opportunities for you and your family to get involved with our Team Osan Community.
3. To ensure you get off to a successful start at Osan Air Base, you must complete mandatory United States Forces Korea (USFK) training prior to your arrival on the Korean Peninsula. The training is available at: <http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/default.aspx>.
4. As you prepare for your assignment to Osan Air Base, I encourage you to ease your transition by staying in contact with your sponsor, ensuring you both share the latest information. Details regarding each step of the transition process are available at: <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> and <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil> or through the Osan Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC DSN: 315-784-5440 <http://www.51fss.com/afrc.htm>). Please do not hesitate to contact them.
5. Welcome to Team Osan! The Command Chief and I look forward to serving you and making sure your best effort results in mission success. You need to be prepared day one, and we are available to make sure you arrive "Ready to Fight and Win Tonight!"


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